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NOT DEAD, BUT SLEEPING.

The Force bill is not dead. QUAY

has put it to sleep for a little while.

That is all. Next winter it will be

wide-awake again, and will be very

troublesome.

In postponing discussion and action

on the bill QUAY is wise.

Even if Democratic opposition to the

infamous measure could be overcome

by summary action on the part of the

majority of the Senate, the bill could

not be enacted and get to the President

in time to be executed before the first

of October, at the earliest. He would

have, then, only one month before the

November elections in which to put

into operation the cumbersome ma-

chinery of the law; and this is a task

he could not perform in a satisfactory

manner. In attempting to perform it

he would throw the South into anarchy

and inflame the North into intense

excitement. The result would be rioting

North and South—bad blood and flow-

ing blood everywhere. And no good

result would accrue to the Republican

party from this disastrous condition.

Therefore QUAY does not wish the

Force bill enacted at this time.

And therefore the bill will go over

until next winter. In the meantime,

the Congressional elections of 1890 will

have occurred. At the South the

Democrats will have swept everything,

and will have secured a majority in the

next House. QUAY and his fellows

will raise an outcry over the result and

charge the Southern Democrats with

all kinds of bullying. They will in-

sist that fraud, as well as violence, has

been used. They will declare that the

Republicans at the South have had

a fair vote not a fair count.

Then QUAY and HARK will become

excited; and HARK will say, "I told

you so," and QUAY will reply, "I know

you did; but you were just a little pre-

sumptuous. If we had acted when you

wanted us to, the force of the Force

bill would have been expended before

the Presidential election, a reaction

would have occurred in 1892, and we

would have been defeated in that year.

Now, I can join with you in crying:

"Outrage," and help you in passing the

Landon bill and in using it for all it is

worth, in connection with fat-fried from

the McKinley bill beneficiaries. In

compelling the country to give victory

to the Republicans at the Presidential

and Congressional district elections of

92." Then HARK will put his hands

on QUAY's head, and will say, with

tears in his eyes and a fatherly smile

upon his benevolent old face: "Bless

you, my son, bless you."

WEST VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN-

ISM.

Mr. GEORGE WESLEY ATKINSON of

Wheeling, who represents the majority

of the House Committee on Elections

as the temporary occupant of the seat to

which the majority of the voters in the

First District of West Virginia elected

JOHN O. FENDELTON, was permanent

chairman of the Republican conven-

tion held at Martinsburg on Wednesday.

Mr. ATKINSON made an "address,"

which was mainly a compound of stale

jokes, ancient chestnuts and harmless

platitudes. He called THOMAS BRACK-

ETTS "REX," the second BLAINE from

the State of Maine. This was not

pleasing to some of the big men's

friends, who thought that the words

"second BLAINE" should be stricken

out and "first REED" inserted in

lieu thereof. ATKINSON said that he had

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